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SUBJ: CANADIAN AND DUTCH CLARIFY THEIR ME POSITIONS TO
GULF STATES

SUMMARY: RECENT CANADIAN AND DUTCH EFFORTS TO CLARIFY THEIR
POSITIONS ON ARAB-ISRAEL PROBELM TO GULF STATES DID NOT RPT NOT
RESULT IN ANY SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENT IN THEIR POSITIONS. APPEARS
THEY HAVE BEEN CAUGHT IN PRESSURE TACTIC AGAINST WESTERN STATES
FOR POLITICAL ENDS, RATHER THAN SINGLED OUT BECAUSE OF GULF ANI-
MOSITY AGAINST THEM. END SUMMARY.

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1. CHARGE SAW VISITING CANADIAN AMBASSADOR GEORGE (RESIDENT TEHRAN) AND DUTCH CHARGE SHORER (RESIDENT KUWAIT) NOV 12 TO DISCUSS RECENT ACTIVITIES OF THEIR COUNTRIES TO EXPLAIN THEIR POSITIONS ON ARAB-ISRAEL PROBLEM TO GULF STATES AND HOPEFULLY OBTAIN CONCESSIONS ON MID-EAST OIL SHIPMENTS.

2. AMB GEORGE SAID HE HAD ALMOST BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN GETTING ABU DHABI TO AGREE TO SHIPMENTS TO CANADA VIA PORTLAND MAINE PIPELINE, BUT OAEPEC MEETING IN KUWAIT ON NOV 4 DECLINED TO AGREE. THUS NO OAEPEC STATE WAS SENDING OIL TO CANADA VIA THIS LINE. GEORGE SAID HE BELIEVED REAL REASON BEHIND OAEPEC STAND WAS TO PUT PRESSURE ON CANADA TO EXPORT LESS OIL TO US.

3. DUTCH CHARGE SHORER SAID THAT HE HAD ACCOMPANIED DUTCH AMB LAVALETTE (RESIDENT IN TEHRAN) ON A TRIP OF GULF STATES ABOUT TWO WEEKS AGO TO DISCUSS DUTCH POSITION. HE SAID THAT AMB LAVALETTE HAD BEEN RECEIVED WARMLY AND COURTEOUSLY, ONLY EXCEPTION BEING QATAR WHERE FOREIGN MINISTER ACTED AS IF HE WAS TOO BUSY WITH OTHER MATTERS TO DISCUSS SUBJECT. GENERAL LINE OF VARIOUS STATES WAS THAT THEY HAD NOTHING PERSONAL AGAINST HOLLAND OR ITS PEOPLE, BUT THEY SIMPLY HAD TO GO ALONG WITH OAEPEC DECISION FOR SAKE OF ARAB SOLIDARITY. FACT THAT VARIOUS CHARGES AGAINST HOLLAND WERE EITHER ERRONEOUS, OR NO MORE SERIOUS THAN SIMILAR SITUATIONS IN OTHER EUROPEAN STATES, WAS APPARENTLY IRRELEVANT. MR. SHORER BELIEVED THAT AT LEAST ONE ELEMENT BEHIND OAEPEC ACTION WAS THAT BY HITTING HOLLAND, OAEPEC STATES WOULD ALSO INDIRECTLY AFFECT OTHER EUROPEAN STATES SUPPLIED THROUGH HOLLAND. MEETING OF ARAB AMBASSADORS WITH DUTCH FONMIN THAT TRIGGERED EMBARGO HAD NOT BEEN "TOTALLY UNSATISFACTORY" MEETING THAT AMBASSADORS CLAIMED. IN OTHER WORDS, IT APPEARED THAT SOMEONE DECIDED HOLLAND WAS TO BE BOYCOTTED, AND A CASE WAS BUILT TO SUPPORT THIS.

4. COMMENT: WE TEND TO AGREE WITH CANADIAN AND DUTCH BELIEF THAT OAEPEC ACTION AGAINST THEM IS RESULT OF PRESSURE TACTIC IN WHICH ATHEY JUST HAPPENDED TO BECOME INVOLVED BY OVERALL SITUATION RATHER THAN BASED ON ANY ANIMOSITY AGAINST THOSE STATES THEMSELVES. THUS, WHEN OAEPEC STATES AGREE THAT PRESSURES ON WEST TO OBTAIN ARAB POLITICAL ENDS CAN BE REDUCED, THERE WOULD APPEAR TO BE NO REASON WHY SUPPLIES TO CANADA (VIA PIPELINE) AND HOLLAND CANNOT BE RESTORED. PERHAPS MAIN PROBLEM IS THAT ONCE EMBARGO HAS BEEN DECIDED, CONFIDENTIAL

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